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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/761,492**

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| Invention Title<br><b>EXPANDING PARALLEL JAW DEVICE FOR<br/>USE WITH AN ELECTROMECHANICAL<br/>DRIVER DEVICE</b> |  | Inventors<br><b>Michael P. WHITMAN</b> |                         |

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2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the small-entity fee of \$65.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), as well as any additional fees that may be required in connection with this paper, to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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